

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 2-11, 13-22, 24-35, 37 and 39 remain pending. Claims 1, 12, 23, 36 and 38 have been canceled.

For the sole purpose of expediting allowance of the present application, allowed claims 35, 37 and 39 have been rewritten into independent form. Prior independent claims 1, 12 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice, such that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims 1, 12 and 23 in the Final Office Action, and therefore reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to these claims.

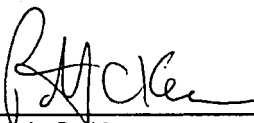
All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, and submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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